taken initiative in 2005-06 to upgrade the standard of urban policing in the mega cities. Accordingly proposals received from the mega cities including Hyderabad were considered for Central assistance based on the assessment of requirement and availability of funds. During 2005-2006, Central assistance of Rs. 3.00 crore has been released for the city of Hyderabad. In the MPF Scheme for 2006-07, provision has been made for Central assistance of Rs. 10.00 crore for mega city policing in Hyderabad.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b).

Lives lost due to fire in Delhi

†3420. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who lost their lives, were seriously injured and were rendered homeless in Delhi due to fires during the last three years ending 31st December, 2005, year-wise and category-wise;

(b) the criteria adopted for payment of compensation to the deceased and injured;

(c) the number of those rendered homeless so far rehabilitated and those still to be rehabilitated;

(d) the number of firemen who lost their lives and were seriously injured in fires during the above period, year-wise; and

(e) the compensation and other relief provided to the families of deceased firemen and to those who received serious injuries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The number of persons who lost their lives and those who were injured due to fire during the last three years is indicated below:—

Year	Number of deaths	Number of injured persons
2003-04	235	1334
2004-05	272	1687
2005-06	154	2176

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(b) and (c) Ex-gratia in case of death and injury is given by the Government of NCT of Delhi in case of fire at the following rates:—

Ex-gratia in case of death of a major	Rs. 1,00,000
Ex-gratia in case of death of a minor	Rs. 50,000
Ex-gratia for serious injury	Rs. 20,000
Ex-gratia for minor injury	Rs. 1,000

There is no scheme for rehabilitation of the persons rendered homeless due to fire.

(d) The number of firemen who lost their lives and those who suffered injury in fire during the last three years is given below:

Year	Number of deaths	Number of persons injured
2003-04	Nil	16
2004-05	09	27
2005-06	Nil	19

(e) The Government of NCT of Delhi has provided the following ex-gratia/relief to the families of firemen who were killed/injured:

(i) Ex-gratia @ Rs. 14 lakh (Rs. 10 lakh by the Government of NCT of Delhi and Rs. 4 lakh by Delhi Fire Service from Benevolent Fund/Group Insurance Scheme) in case of death.

(ii) Ex-gratia of Rs. 1 lakh each to the seven firemen who were seriously injured.

(iii) Employment to 07 dependents out of nine deceased firemen. The case of providing employment in the remaining one case is under process. In one case the dependent has not applied for employment, as he is below 18 years of age.

Network of LeT in Bihar

†3421. SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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